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SUBJ: ARCHBISHOP SEES PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. IN HIS EASTER MESSAGE PUBLISHED IN PART IN THE CHURCH JOURNAL, SENDERO, APRIL 22, THE ARCHBISHOP OF ASUNCION ISMAEL ROLON SAID IN PART..."WE HAVE VIEWED WITH PLEASURE THE FREEING OF A LARGE GROUP OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY PEASANTS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AFTER A LENGTHY AND PAINFUL IMPRISONMENT. WE SEE WITH HOPE THAT ANOTHER GROUP OF PRISONERS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE COURTS. WE HOPE THAT THE TRIALS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY LAW, BY JUDGES OF HIGH MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL CHARACTER ACTING ACCORDING TO (JUDICIAL) SCIENCE AND CONSCIENCE, FREE FROM ALL PRESSURES AND FULLY INDEPENDENT. WE PRAY TO GOD THAT THERE ARE NO MORE ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND WE DESIRE THAT THE FREEING OF THOSE PRISONERS AGAINST WHOM THERE IS A LACK OF EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING CONTINUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT. ARCHBISHOP ROLON'S FAVORABLE COMMENTS ARE NOTE-WORTHY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN IN THE VANGUARD OF THE STRUGGLE TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN PARAGUAY AND IN THE PAST HAS BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE GOP'S PERFORMANCE.
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